Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Jean Walter Mehegan was born on June 15, 1920, at Milbank, South Dakota, to Francis and Frances (Giessinger) Mehegan; and,

Whereas, After graduating from high school at Milbank, South Dakota, Jean joined the Navy where he earned a number of military conduct medals as a chief petty officer in the medical corps; and,

Whereas, Following his military service, Jean moved to Brookings, South Dakota; began night school classes at South Dakota State College; worked as a night watchman at the school; started his own greenhouse business, Medary Acres; and also became a rural mail carrier; and,

Whereas, Jean married Arlene Conrad on December 7, 1946, and raised three children together: Mike, Linda, and Patricia. Jean later married Joanne Parriott on March 22, 1995, uniting two families, including Joanne's children, Dan and Brenda, and they rejoice in their eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Jean enjoys hunting, fishing, bowling, and tennis, which he started at the age of 60, and is known for starting the planting of flowers in the Brookings' city parks; and,

Whereas, Jean will observe his 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants as his family and friends gather on June 13, 2010, to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2010, as

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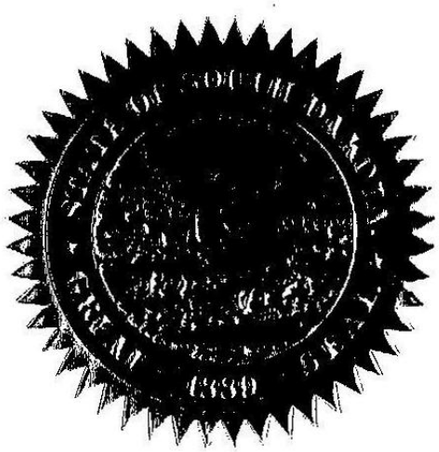
in South Dakota, and I join his friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State